

CALFED Bay-Delta Program Status Report *July - August 1996*

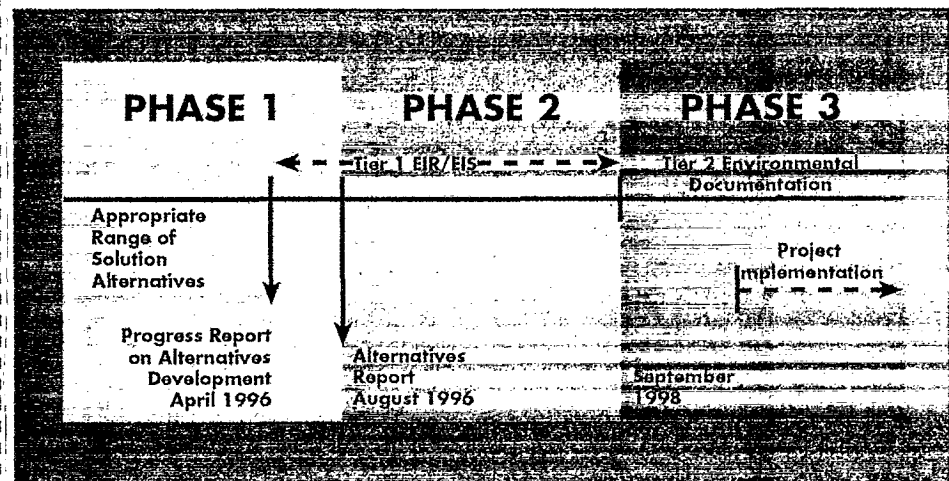


The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term, comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.

Three Phase Program Schedule

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Progress to Date and Probable Next Steps

June 1995: Program starts.

July 1995-July 1996: 30+ public meetings and workshops in 14 communities from Red Bluff to San Diego; technical analyses.

February 1996: 20 alternatives developed.

April 1996: Alternatives refined and list narrowed to 10 on the basis of public input and technical studies.

June 1996: Alternatives refined and list narrowed to 3 on the basis of public input and technical studies.

Sept. 5, 1996: News conference to announce Phase II Alternatives.

June 1996-Aug. 1997: Regular public meetings and workshops, extensive technical analysis as part of the programmatic EIR/EIS.

Sept.-Nov. 1997: Draft programmatic EIR/EIS released and public comment solicited.

Nov. 1997-July. 1998: More regular public meetings and workshops, extensive technical analysis to refine the programmatic EIR/EIS.

July-Oct. 1998: Final programmatic EIR/EIS released with recommended solution, public comment sought.

4th Quarter 1998: State and federal approval of programmatic EIR/EIS and the recommended solution.

Jan. 1999-2030+: Project-level EIR/EIS's as needed, implementation of the solution.

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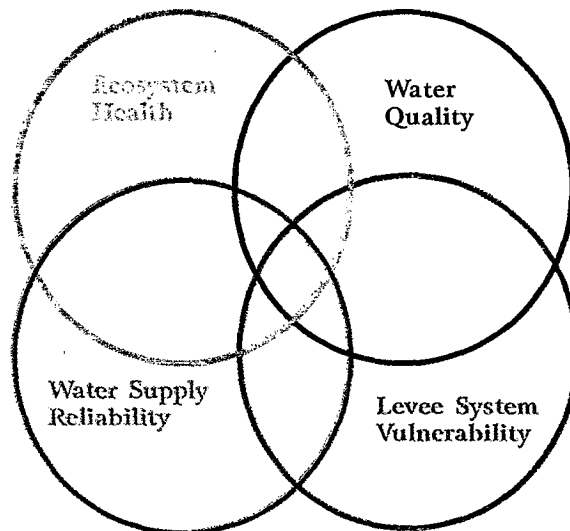
CALFED Agencies:

CA Resources Agency
CA Dept. of Fish and Game
CA Dept. of Water Resources
CA Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Dept. of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

Problem Areas and Their Interrelationships

The CALFED alternatives are intended to provide a comprehensive solution to problems of a declining ecosystem, uncertain water supplies, decaying levees, and imperiled water quality. These problems are interrelated and reinforce one another; for example, the danger of a levee break poses a threat for both water quality and ecosystem survival. The Bay-Delta solution, likewise, must address each problem area simultaneously.



Composition of Phase II Alternatives

Each alternative is made up of the common programs -- ecosystem restoration, water use efficiency, water quality, and levee system integrity -- and variable components for conveyance and storage.

Common Programs

- ecosystem restoration
- water use efficiency
- water quality
- levee system integrity

Variable Components

- conveyance
 - existing through-Delta conveyance
 - modified through-Delta conveyance
 - modified through-Delta conveyance + isolated facility
- storage (combination of the following)
 - conjunctive use and groundwater banking
 - offstream surface storage upstream of the Delta, in-Delta, or south of the Delta

Structure of Alternatives

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
	Existing Through-Delta Conveyance w/minor capacity modifications	Modified Through-Delta Conveyance 2 modes of increased capacity	Dual Conveyance increased through-Delta + isolated facility
	UP SO IN C/G	UP SO IN C/G	UP SO IN C/G
	Water Use Efficiency Ecosystem Restoration System Integrity Water Quality	Water Use Efficiency Ecosystem Restoration System Integrity Water Quality	Water Use Efficiency Ecosystem Restoration System Integrity Water Quality

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UP: Upstream storage
SO: Storage south of the Delta
IN: In-Delta Storage
C/G: Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Banking

Stakeholder Involvement

Involved in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program are a wide range of groups representing the public interest. One-time adversaries in the battles over California's Bay-Delta, these groups now collaborate on a comprehensive Bay-Delta solution. They include the following categories of organizations:

- Environmental Advocacy Groups
- Urban Water Agencies
(representing residential and commercial/
industrial water users)
- Agricultural Interests
- Commercial Fishery Associations
- Recreational Groups
- Rural and Source County Interests

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council, a formal advisory body constituted under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), includes more than 30 representatives of various stakeholder groups. They will meet next in Sacramento on September 20, 1996.

The CALFED alternatives address problems that originate in the legally-defined Delta, the Suisun Marsh, San Pablo Bay, and the San Francisco Bay (geographic scope of problem identification). The proposed solutions involve most of California (geographic scope of solution). For example, ecosystem restoration will reach into the Bay-Delta's watershed, storage facilities will be considered south and upstream of the Delta, and water use efficiency will be emphasized in urban and agricultural communities throughout the state.

